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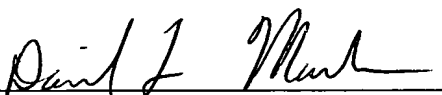
The amendments to the Claims and the Specification are to correct an inadvertent error in the ATCC deposit number for the *Arthrobacter* strain that was deposited with ATCC. The correct ATCC deposit number is 55921. This correct number is found on page 3, line 1 of this Specification. The rest of numbers are incorrect.

It is noted that on the bottom of page 1 and top of page 2 of the Specification, the tradename of the *Arthrobacter* vaccine, Renogen, is provided and stated that the *Arthrobacter* strain is described in WO 98/33884. This published international patent application has issued in the U.S. as U.S. Patent 6,627,203. In U.S. Patent 6,627,203, it states that the ATCC deposit number is 55921. Furthermore, a Statement of Availability was submitted during the prosecution of U.S. Patent 6,627,203.

No new matter is being added by this Second Preliminary Amendment. Any questions or issues can be directed to the below signed attorney at this address. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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